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25X1 The following information was obtained on Soviet troops in Hungary:

10 December 19491. EGER (R 48/J 55)

Not occupied by Soviet troops.

12 and 16 December 19492. SZOLNOK (Q 48/O 38)

a. Barracks on Varosmajor Street (SE of the railroad bridge across the Zagyva River):

Occupied by Soviet troops wearing black epaulets. About 300 trucks, ten one-axle trailers and four field kitchens were parked in the barracks yard. Sentries were observed at the trucks. Units were practicing near the barracks. One unit of about 300 troops, equipped with rifles and spades, was engaged in close-combat training with dummies. Another unit of about 150 troops was primarily armed with submachine guns and some light machine guns. A third unit of about 120 very young troops underwent unarmed drill.

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b. Barracks on Jozsef Atilla Street (surrounded by a high brick wall):

Occupied by Soviet troops. Sentries at the main gate wore red-bordered black epaulets and carried submachine guns. There was little activity. A red flag and a picture of STALIN were observed over the entrance of the three-story main building. The letters "M T A" were seen over the door.

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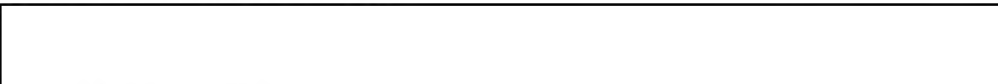
d. Local residents said that, besides the troops in the mentioned barracks, a Soviet RTO's office was in SZOLNOK. The Soviet troops in town were estimated at 2,000 to 3,000. Residents said that most of the troops arrived between 18 and 20 November 1949 and a few between 8 and 10 December 1949. They were said to have come from the SZEGED area. No armored vehicles or guns were allegedly available in SZOLNOK and none [redacted] between 12 and 16 December, 1949.

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First half of December 1949

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a. SZEKESFEHARVAR (Q 48/Z 00)

Rather heavily occupied by Soviet troops, allegedly numbering 3,000 according to local residents.

b. VESZPREM (P 48/D 78)

Residents said it was occupied by Soviet tank troops who held maneuvers in HAJMASKER (P 48/D 79).

c. KAPOSVAR (Y 4/A 96) and MARCALI (Y 4/A 68)

Not occupied by Soviet troops. Residents said that Soviet troops previously located there had left.

d. PECS (Y 5/B 22)

The surrounding area was occupied by Soviet troops. Local residents reported that units frequently left town for a short period of time.

e. JANOSHALMA (JANKOVACZ - Y 6/N 59)

No Soviet troops.

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The information on SZOLNOK (para 2) is the first since the Fall of 1948 and indicates that the town is strongly occupied by Soviet troops. Information, including statements of local residents that the troops arrived from the SZEGED area in the late Fall of 1949, is possibly true.

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From other information it is considered possible that the concentration of Soviet troops in the Hungarian-Yugoslav-Rumanian border triangle (including the 2d Gds Mecz Div, previously stationed in the CRAIOVA area) was later dissolved or at least reduced. It is possible that some of these troops (2d Gds Mecz Div ?) may have been transferred to the interior of eastern Hungary, including the SZOLNOK area.

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